Industries polluting river Bagad

†*375. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the action taken by Government during last ten months against Jubilant Organosys Ltd., Ramganga Fertilizers, etc. which pollute the Bagad river a tributary of river Ganga at Jyotibaphule Nagar;

(b) if no action has been taken, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when Government would take action to close these factories (industries) alongwith the details thereof?

THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) As per the information available on record, the UP State Pollution Control Board has been regularly monitoring industrial pollution in respect of M/s. Jubilant Organosys Ltd. and M/s. Ram Ganga Fertilizers located at Jyotiba Phule Nagar in Uttar Pradesh. During June 23, 2006 to April 11, 2007, the SPCB has inspected the industries ten times.

The distillery unit of M/s. Jubilant Organosys Ltd. has installed Effluent Treatment Plant containing units namely, Anaerobic Microbial Digester, Biological Control Reactor, Methane Up Flow Reactor, Secondary Treatment System, Reverse Osmosis Plant, Storage Arrangement, etc. The treated effluent is being utilized for bio-composting as well as ferti-irrigation. Effluent generated from its chemical unit is treated in Combined Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) and the treated effluent is recycled within plant after treatment. The effluent from the fertilizer unit (formerly known as Ramganga Fertilizer) is also treated and recycled in the process.

Directions were issued on October 10, 2006 for further improvement of the pollution control arrangement namely, installation of multi effect evaporator, additional Reverse Osmosis Plant and increase in Bio-composting capacity by the distillery unit. As per the available information the industries unit has complied with the directions by installation of new tube-well for dilution of effluent for ferti-irrigation, and is also in the process of complying with installation of additional Riverse Osmosis Plant in addition to the existing one. Periodic inspections were also conducted by the local administration during December, 2006 and January, 2007 and no discharge of effluent from these industries in Bagad river was reported.

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(c) In view of the position as noted during inspection, the competent authority has not found it necessary to issue closure notice.

Payment to insured farmers under National Agricultural Insurance Scheme

†*376. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to release Rs. 26.13 crores to Rajasthan State as the remaining amount of Centre's share for making payment to the insured farmers for the Kharif season, 2005 under National Agricultural Insurance Scheme; and

(b) if not,the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) There is no pending amount of Central Government's share pertaining to claims of farmers of Rajasthan for Kharif 2005 under National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS).

(b) Does not arise.

Extortion of money by GRP and State Police

*377. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of trains prone to extortion of money by GRP personnel, State Government police, RPF and railway staff from gullible passengers;

(b) the details of such cases decided/disposed of during the last three years and those pending as on date;

(c) the names of personnel involved in each case; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to prevent recurrence of such cases?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) No particular train has been found prone to extortion of money by Government Railway

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